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THE STATE TREASURY.
On Monday William H. Berry assumed the office of State treasurer to which he was elected last November. He entered upon its duties pledged to make every possible reform in the administration of his office and he will no doubt make an earnest endeavor to make good every promise made by him to the people. One of the first of these will be to pay the various school districts of the State their proportion of the State appropriation next month, or as soon thereafter as they have filed the necessary papers. Heretofore it has been the custom of the machine State treasurers not to begin making these payments until September, and to string them out for several months thereafter. As a consequence many districts have had to borrow money to tide over the interval between the time when the State appropriation should have been paid and when it actually was received.
It was because of Mr. Berry's success last November that the State Legislature was called into extra session, and that it enacted the various reform measures which it had contemptuously turned down during its regular session. It was because of his election also that State Treasurer Mathews made a successful effort to have the whole State deposit in the Enterprise National Bank repaid before Mr. Berry took office. Had the machine candidate for State treasurer been elected it is highly probable that the State would still be waiting for much of its money improperly entrusted to the failed bank.

THE FARMER'S BOYS.
The Reporter is not given to boasting but it is proud of the farmer boys of this vicinity. They are, with rare exceptions, a healthy, intelligent and happy class of young men. The writer feels like taking his hat clear off when he meets them on the streets, and no class is more welcomed to this office. Too many boys leave the farm where they would have made substantial and good citizens, and go to the city where only one in a thousand succeed in life's battle. There are farmers who fairly drive their boys away. There is no excuse for this. The farmer boy is entitled to his vacations, to several relaxations, his visits to the city, good books, magazines, and his home paper. To the observing one it is plain to be seen that the old farm is the best place in the world for the average young man and never fails to bring a happier and more useful life than the city. Young men, you who till the soil and earn your bread by the sweat of your brow, we are proud of you; our latch-string is always out to you and you will always have a friend in this paper. Come and see us and give us the news from your neighborhood.

Governor Pennypacker has cut out of Smull's Hand Book the election laws, except those passed at the recent session. The Pennypacker burst of economy does not extend to the extreme of cutting from the handbook the pages which display the Governor's own handsome face and the portraits of Lieutenant Governor "Oleo" Brown, Senator Penrose, Banking Commissioner Berkeley, Insurance Commissioner "Dave" Martin and other worthies.
Free lead pencils might as well be distributed as free seeds, on the plea of advancing education. Like the sugar trusts' contribution to both parties, these seeds go to representatives of either side, but as the Republicans have so large a dominance the campaign contribution is jug-handled. Still it is smaller, though in essence it means squandering a trust fund of \$232,000.

The Legislative Committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange, which telegraphed President Roosevelt to ask him "to stand true to his original position on the Rate bill," took him between wind and water. He had just abandoned his original position. But he promises to stick when the Allison judicial review amendment has been inserted in the belly of the original bill; and that is very well.

Is there any taxpayer in the State of Pennsylvania—barring professional politicians—who does not feel a bit safer in his estate now that the State Treasury has passed out of the hands of the Organization into the hands of a sworn opponent of gang methods especially chosen to clean up all rottenness?

A clean town is an asset which will help business, which will protect the people against disease and death and the co-operation of every citizen is necessary in order that the streets may always make a decent and respectable appearance.

Even a one-horse town now has its automobiles.

CLOSING OF COURT.
Commonwealth Cases Continued Until August Term—Verdicts Rendered.
In the case of Mary Walker vs. W. H. Poorman, the jury rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$31.58.
The case of Hess vs. Ross which grows out of a dispute relative to a line fence between these parties at Linden Hall, was continued.
The case of Butler vs. Weaver is a claim on the part of the plaintiff by alleging that she had been promised certain furniture and a home during her life by the decedent, Michael Weaver, which was not provided for at the time of his death, and this action is brought to recover the anticipated value of her services by having remained with the decedent. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$495.80, subject to the question of law reserved by the court.
Miranda Wirt vs. William B. Mingle and Cyrus Brungart, executors of the late will and testament of Rebecca Sparr, deceased. It appears from the testimony in the case that Jacob Sparr at the time of his death willed to his son, David Sparr, some real estate in Harris township. David Sparr, in his last will and testament, willed his property to his wife, Rebecca Sparr, for and during her natural lifetime, and at her death the remainder over to Mrs. Wirt. Mrs. Sparr, the life tenant, sold part of the timber off of the premises, and this action was brought by the present plaintiff on account of the waste of the tenancy by the life tenant and for the purpose of recovering from the estate of the life tenant, Rebecca Sparr, the damage done to this real estate. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$1000.
The case of Louisa Bush vs. David Miller was settled.
Court adjourned Friday noon until Saturday forenoon, at which time Daniel Knauff, convicted several courts ago for escaping a board bill was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, \$1.00 fine, and six months in the county jail.
Woodring, indicted for larceny, pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced by the court to the Huntingdon Reformatory.
After hearing quite a number of motions and petitions and continuing the Commonwealth list of cases to August sessions, court adjourned.

LOCALS.
Thursday night of last week mercury stood at thirty-five degrees—three degrees above freezing. That's pretty cool for May 3.
Young man, learn a trade. Few mechanics are being trained at present. In the future the mechanic will be sought after more and more.
Rev. John Hicks, of Altoona, will be voted for on May 15 as pastor of Calvary Reformed church, Reading, to succeed Rev. James I. Good, resigned.
All parties desiring the use of the picnic grounds for ball games, picnics, or pasture privileges, will please make application to G. L. Goodhart, Treasurer of Grange Park Association.
Modest colors and a tasty combination of the same, applied by a skilled mechanic, in the form of paint, have had a most desirable effect on the residence of W. W. Spangler, near the station. His is one of the many pretty homes in Centre Hall. P. R. Auman, and his assistants, Clarence Helms and Cleve Gentzel, were the artists.
Mrs. W. W. Royer, of Juniata, had been in Penns Valley among friends for several weeks prior to Friday of last week, on which day she went to Bellefonte to visit a daughter and from there will return home. Mrs. Royer formerly lived at Centre Hill, and although she is pleased with her new home in Blair county, enjoyed her visit here very much.
Rev. N. S. Hawk, of the Allentown United Evangelical church, is in a peck of trouble because he osculated with one of the females of his congregation—and against her will! The woman has sued, and the congregation is threatened with disruption. What a predicament! The maiden who hasn't the grace to forgive such a little breach of the peace isn't worthy of symmetry of the osculatory organs. With women who are cornered in an improvised nursery it is different, you know.
Henry Stoner has the new addition to his barn and the new manure shed well under way. He is expending considerable cash to put into proper repair the buildings and fences on his farm, which prior to his ownership well represented the shoddy of "Peter Tumbledown." Mr. Stoner is lavish in his expenditure of labor to clean the farm of stone and rubbish. Over three hundred loads of stone have already been hauled from the fields, most of them picked up after the plow. There is a general transformation going on on the "old Wilson farm," near the station.

The Potter township boys merit "some attention." This remark is not original with the writer of this article, but was made use of in the course of a correspondence with one of the boys from Potter. Whoever will take the time to investigate the career of many of these young men will be willing to acknowledge the truth of the statement.
The subject of this sketch is one of them. Like most other boys of Potter who have done well for themselves he made his first intellectual and moral start in the world in a country school, and while there attended strictly to business; and his first financial start by teaching. By teaching in the winter and attending school in the summer he prepared himself to enter Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, in the fall of 1885.
To assist in securing funds to continue his medical course he taught during the intervals of vacation, successively at Madisonburg and Spring Mills.
Notwithstanding his recourse to every available means to secure the money needed, and the practice of the strictest economy, he was obliged to go heavily in debt in order to complete his course. Amidst much financial embarrassment, he "stuck to it" with the courage and persistence that knows no failure and acknowledges no defeat, until he had literally won his way through one of the first medical schools in the country, graduating in the spring of 1888 with the degree of M. D.
Dr. Runkle began the practice of medicine, or at least set up business, on the evening of April 19th, 1888, by selling his shingle in the window of 1011, 20th street, Philadelphia.
Of course the Doctor was not overwhelmed with business the first week, or the next one either. But he had faith in himself, as every one of conscious worth does and should have. It requires a tremendous amount of courage for a young man to set up in a profession in the face of the rivalry existing in a large city, and particularly so when he is almost an entire stranger there. The indwelling conviction of qualification and the determination to do one's best go a long way to secure success. With such a conviction the young aspirant for success can afford to wait, and if there be any truth in the saying that "all things come to those who wait," it is particularly applicable in such a case.
Dr. Runkle, however, did not have long to wait. He soon began to pick up a practice, which grew as the years went by. In October, 1889, he moved his office to 2003 Christian street, where his practice still further increased. By the spring of 1889 his practice had increased to such an extent as to warrant him to locate permanently. Accordingly in May of that year he purchased the property at 1605 Christian street, where he is at present located.
Financial success has attended the Doctor's efforts, since he has been able to pay off his school debt, purchase his own home and lay up money besides.
But the fact of his having been able to live comfortably and lay by some



DR. S. C. RUNKLE, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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INCIDENTS OF 1877.
Local Items Taken from the Centre Reporter of Interest to 1906 Readers.
[Note: The spelling of proper names is the same as found in the files of the Reporter.]
NOVEMBER 29—John Harkins sold his house and lot, opposite the old foundry property, to W. B. Mingle for \$2000.
James C. Bost purchased the James Herring property, opposite the Lutheran parsonage, for \$1500.
Johnna Allen purchased the farm of Jacob Kline, in the Loop, for \$1000.
Dr. W. A. Jacobs purchased the property of Joseph Crozier, in this place—house and lot and four acres of ground—for \$1700.
DECEMBER 6—Philip Frank carries the mail between Centre Hall and Spring Mills. He leaves here daily at 10 a. m., and returns at 4 p. m.
Jacob Shaw, a citizen of Harris township for sixty years, died last week, at the age of ninety-three years.
C. C. Conser, formerly of Sugar Valley, has opened a merchant tailoring establishment in the new bank building.
The Penns Valley Banking Company now occupies its new building.
DECEMBER 20—James W. Runkle, of Gregg township, bought John I. Potter's farm (the Foster place), east of Centre Hall, at \$80 per acre.
The Oak Hall foundry was destroyed by fire, last Sunday morning, with all its contents. It is said there is no insurance. The concern belonged to Mr. Sellers, and it is thought it was set on fire.

1878
JANUARY 3—B. D. Brisbin has opened a confectiory and oyster saloon in the basement of the new bank building.
The Old Fellows and Mason's festival held during the holidays was a grand success.
The Lutherans in Millheim have organized a congregation and leased the Evangelical church in which to hold services.
The Farmers Mills band has been organized two years, and discourses splendid music. The members are as follows: J. D. Rutter, Samuel Homan, John Emerick, J. C. Rossman, J. F. Reark, S. J. Homan, N. Brown, J. P. Grove, L. J. Zabler, L. C. Rossman, M. C. Stover, Cyrus Luse, J. W. Snook, J. L. Neese, Solomon Homan.
Philip H. Meyer is conducting a singing class at Spring Mills.
JANUARY 24—George Gramley sold his farm to Jacob Gephart, of Madisonburg, for \$4800.
D. F. Taylor has been appointed postmaster at Lemont.
JANUARY 31—A postoffice has been established at Coburn station (Forks) and Mr. Greninger has been appointed postmaster.
Luther Emerick, late of this place, has taken charge of the Hosterman smithshop in Haines township.
J. I. Greenoble and S. Letzell, at Spring Mills, have their new houses nearly finished.
Married—November 22, Levi Murray, of Centre Hall, and Miss Rebecca Harter, of Aaronburg. . . . December 20, Wilson Walker, of Rebersburg, and Miss Catharine Zimmerman, of Dakota, Illinois. . . . December 23, J. P. Hubler, of Rebersburg, and Miss Ellen Spotts, of Loganville. . . . December 26, Horace Zerbe, of Williamsport, and Miss Clara Amelia Osman, of Centre Hall. . . . December 23, Philip Carey, of Madisonburg, and Miss Mary J. Smith, of Booneville. . . . December 25, Willard Miller, of Loganville, and Miss Eliza J. Albright, of Penn Hall. . . . January 15, 1878, R. B. Treaster and Miss Lydia Zettle, both of Centre Hill. . . . January 17, John L. Runkle and Miss Fannie Emerick, both of Potter township. . . . David Geary, of Penn township, and Miss Mary L. Dasher, of Potter township. . . . January 22, William Erhard, of Old Fort, and Miss Hannah Jamison, of Spring Mills. . . . January 31, James Letzell, of Spring Mills, to Miss Sadie C. Brown, of Haines township.

Orange Encampment and Exhibition.
At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Grange Encampment and Exhibition, the date set for this year's encampment and fair at Centre Hall is September 15 to 21.

Write for Dr. Warren.
The State Supreme Court Thursday of last week issued a writ of quo warranto, on the petition of Attorney General Carson, requiring Food Commissioner H. B. Warren to show by what authority he is exercising his office. The writ is made returnable May 17.
The petition of the Attorney General for the writ was made after considerable agitation by merchants throughout the state. The Attorney General, in his brief, contends that the appointment of the Food Commissioner is a violation of the Constitution of the state, which provides that the functions which he now possesses shall be exercised by officers appointed by the counties and municipalities and not by persons chosen by the state.
Dr. Warren has earned the ill will of many merchants in Pennsylvania because he made a faithful effort to enforce the pure food laws. A number of arrests were made in every county in the state, and heavy fines imposed for selling impure food. Should the office of Pure Food Commissioner be abolished, adulterated foods will more than ever be sold. The consumer should protest.

Good Your Ways, Mr. Merchant.
There are few newspapers in Pennsylvania who have not made a vigorous and continuous fight against the city mail order house. This has been done in the interest of the home merchant, and without money and without price. If the editors of the land had received regular advertising rates for all they have said against these enemies of the country merchant that could now be wearing diamonds. Now the department store man appreciates advertising space and is willing to take all the average country editor has for sale, and at a good price. What other class of business or professional men would refuse to help their friends, especially as many of said friends never seem to be the least disposed to return the compliment or even appreciate it.

Wreck on the Penny.
The head-on collision of Chicago and St. Louis express, train No. 21, and Chicago mail, train No. 18, at Clover Creek Junction, on the Petersburg branch of the Pennsylvania railroad, last Friday, was more horrible and disastrous than at first supposed. Ten persons were killed and thirty-two were seriously or slightly injured.
The Pennsylvania Railroad company officials in investigating into the cause of the disaster, say that it was the result of disobedience of orders in running train No. 21 past 57 tower, at Carlisle, the western end of the double track, on to the single track until after Chicago mail, No. 18, had passed that point.

Endorsed by the Reporter.
The Lock Haven Democrat makes this comment: The preachers who charge up earthquakes and other terrible disasters to the "wrath of an angry God" in their efforts to scare religion into the hearts of their congregations have missed their calling. They should be shovel-plowing new clearings with young oxen.

Attains Doing Fine.
Although the spring was so far unfavorable to its growth, owing to continued cool weather and less than the normal rain fall during the month of April, the plot of four acres of alfalfa sown last spring, under the directions of the writer, is doing fine. The best results have been obtained on high ground.

Mrs. McIlroy at Hospital.
Monday a week, Mrs. G. W. McIlroy, of Spring Mills, was taken to the Lock Haven Hospital, where on Thursday following she underwent a most serious and delicate operation. Rev. McIlroy went to the hospital beginning of this week to pay his wife the second visit.
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thing besides is not the only evidence of his having succeeded. The greatest evidence and the best measure of his success in his business as a medical practitioner is the confidence of his clientele in him as a man who understands his business; and a still greater and more important evidence of his having made a success of life is the moral estimate of his neighbors and others of his acquaintance, of his worth as a citizen.
In 1891 the Doctor was married to a Philadelphia lady, Miss Campbell. They have two sons, John C., and Stuart Calvin, Jr.
At present the Doctor's business is such as to amply repay him for the great effort required to see his way through college. He has about all the work he can attend to, and maintains an equipment quite up to the standard in the medical practice of a great city, such as the one in which he is located.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The program on the farm—first number: Planting corn.
Mrs. Henry Emerick has been ill during the past few weeks.
October 2nd-5th are the dates selected for the Centre county fair next fall.
A movement is on foot to extend the trolley line from Philipsburg to Osceola.
Only wind is needed to spread rumors but for reliable news you must read your home paper.
The Irvindale is the name of the cottage at Atlantic City now occupied and conducted by Mrs. L. C. Irvin, formerly of Centre Hall.
The Patrons of Husbandry at Mapleton intend starting a bank at that place for their use and for the use of all who may desire its services.
Dr. S. G. Frank, of Millheim, has planted a chestnut grove. Last week he caused to be set on his farm, west of Millheim, 500 chestnut trees.
Wilmer Lee painted the porch on the residence of Alfred P. Krape. Mr. Krape owns and occupies one of the many pretty homes in Centre Hall.

Messrs. Henry Gentzel and A. C. Grove, both of Nittany Valley, favored the Reporter with a call last week. Of course, the subject discussed was a bit "horsey."
Dr. J. Y. Dale, of Lemont, was in town Saturday on professional business having been called to visit Dr. J. F. Alexander, whose condition on that day was very serious.

Emory I. Conley, of Lock Haven, and Miss Mary B. Yearick, of Aaronburg, were married at the United Evangelical parsonage, Aaronburg, by Rev. C. F. Garrett.
John H. Weber of the firm of Weber Brothers, made his first trip into the county after business in four months, Saturday of last week. The outing proved more beneficial than harmful.

George Dale, master of the Centre County Pomona Grange, was in town between trains Monday, and favored the Reporter with a call. Mr. Dale is an enthusiastic granger, and can see great good the order has done for the man behind the plow.
Each year the poultry business is becoming more lucrative and now assumes proportions that will soon rival any branch of farm industry. Farmers are forced to acknowledge that the old hen can lift her own weight in raising a mortgage from the farm.

While Claude Harry, of Flemington, was engaged at his work on a grind stone at the axe factory, the large stone exploded, pieces flying in every direction. Mr. Harry was struck in the stomach by a good sized "chunk" which knocked him unconscious.

The news has been received by relatives in Millheim, that Mrs. Grace Nearhood, wife of Edward Nearhood, had died at Aurora, Illinois, says the Journal. Mr. Nearhood, was a former resident of Millheim and went to Illinois with his parents about four years ago.

During a heavy storm recently the large barn on the farm of A. B. Fox, near Tivoli, Clinton county, was struck by lightning at midnight, set on fire and totally destroyed. Fifty-eight sheep and lambs perished and all the farming implements fell prey to the flames. Wagons, sleds, bugles and the farm machinery all went up in the smoke. The loss is \$3000, partly insured.

The Watchman, in speaking of the Howard Creamery Corporation's sale of its Bellefonte store, says: W. Gross Mingle, the retiring owner, intends moving to Centre Hall and will give his entire time to the management of the creameries at that place and at Coburn. While from a business standpoint the change may be a very good one, all who know him will learn with regret of Mr. Mingle's departure from Bellefonte, as in both a business and social way he has been one of the most congenial and companionable of men.
James Hamill Boal, son of the Rev. Dr. Boal, has just completed his theological course in the McCormick Seminary, Chicago. Mr. Boal took a four years' course at Lafayette College, from which he graduated in June, 1902. In September following he entered the Theological Seminary in Princeton, and studied two years in that renowned institution. In September, 1904, he entered the McCormick Seminary, from which he graduated May 3rd, 1906. He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Chicago and ordained May 2nd, by the same body, to the office of the holy ministry. Mr. Boal received a unanimous call, some time during the month of March last, to the Presbyterian church in Huckleby, Minnesota, and entered on his duties there last Sabbath.